

Macroeconomic Analysis of Central Africa (CEMAC)



Project Title	Macroeconomic Analysis of Central Africa (CEMAC)
Project Summary	This project includes conducting quantitative and qualitative macroeconomic analysis of countries in the central African region, particularly in the CEMAC monetary union.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	EB/IFD/OMA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The virtual intern assigned to this project will provide macroeconomic analysis, both qualitative and quantitative, of countries in the Central African Economic and Monetary Union (CEMAC), including composing 1-2 page briefers on the macroeconomies of CEMAC countries and the sub-region as a whole as well as tracking progress on International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects in this sub-region. These projects will be used as reference material for State Department principals in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB) and the Bureau of African Affairs (AF).

The selected intern will also have the opportunity to work on a long-term, in-depth research project on a macroeconomic issue in the Central African sub-region of relevance to the Office of Monetary Affairs and of interest to the student in her/his academic studies and research. Potential topics include: the stability of the CEMAC monetary union, macro-financial links between the CEMAC and the Eurozone, and the macro implications of “Françafrique” (France’s post-colonial ties to Africa). The interns will have the opportunity to present findings in person or via digital video-conference to staff from the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB) and Bureau of African Affairs (AF) at the end of the program.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Other Desired Skills and Experience:

- Prior coursework in macroeconomics, international finance, and statistics and/or econometrics
- Prior training in statistical software (e.g., Excel, STATA, EViews, R, etc.)
- Familiarity with or interest in the sub-Saharan Africa region, through coursework and/or study abroad
- French language proficiency

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
French	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have